

C. OTHER PROVIDERS

Out-Of-State Providers

Out-of-state child care providers, including those in bordering and non-bordering states can be approved for payment when it is necessary for the consumer to use the provider in order to participate in employment or training activities in those states. In addition the provider must:

1. Meet their state's statutory requirements for providing child care, and
2. Agree to subsidy payment rates based on the child's age and place of residence or the provider's customary rate, whichever is less.

EXAMPLE

Tracy is a current WCCC consumer. She is being sent by her employer to California to attend a 3-week training course. Tracy is bringing her infant with her and is requesting WCCC to pay for licensed child care in California. Tracy would need to provide complete information on the California provider prior to approval, including name, address, rates, any applicable fees, etc.

Headstart And Early Childhood Education And Assistance Programs (ECEAP)

See Other Subsidized Child Care for more information on these two programs.

1. Many Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) sites have expanded their educational programs to include licensed child care. Expanded programs are licensed by DCCEL and are eligible child care providers for WCCC. The number of hours authorized to them is based on the parent's hours of participation in an approved activity and the child's child-care needs.

EXAMPLE

An eligible WCCC consumer works 7 hours a day and requires full time care. The consumer wants to enroll the preschool aged child at a HeadStart site that is also a licensed child care center. Because the consumer's need is for full time care and the site is a licensed child care center, a full time authorization is appropriate.

2. DSHS does not pay for private or public educational care. This is care such as public schools that offer full day kindergarten for a fee. A provider is paid for care provided outside of educational hours when the provider is licensed or certified per WAC 388-150 / 155.

EXAMPLE 1

Jackie wants to enroll her 5 yr. old child in a licensed child care facility that also has a kindergarten program. The kindergarten program is incorporated into the child care day. Jackie needs child care for work from 7 a.m. to 11a.m. (this includes travel time).

Assuming Jackie meets all other WCCC requirements, she would be eligible for part-time child care based on her needs and regardless of the child's involvement in the educational program.

Jackie, however, wants to leave her child in care until 5 p.m. She would need to pay privately for care from 11a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXAMPLE 2

Jack works 8-5 M-F and wants to enroll his 3rd grader in a private school. The school offers licensed child care before and after school.

WCCC is available in this case for the hours the child is in the licensed child care. The cost of the schooling would be the parent's responsibility.

3. Refer consumers with three or four-year old children to Head Start or ECEAP if the child is not already enrolled.

Seasonal Day Camps

1. Seasonal camps are not required to be licensed by DSHS but must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Three months' or less in duration, and
 - b. Engaged primarily in recreational or educational activities. See WAC 388-290-0125

2. In order to receive payment through the WCCC program, a seasonal camp must meet the previous criteria, and must:
 - a. Have a contract with DSHS to provide subsidized child care; and
 - b. Hold current accreditation by the American Camping Association.
3. When eligible, payment should be authorized to seasonal camps at the camp's rate or the DSHS center rate, whichever is less. **The seasonal camp is not eligible to receive an activity fee.**
4. The SSPS service codes for seasonal day camps are:
 - 2930 (Seasonal Day Camp - full day)
 - 2931 (Seasonal Day Camp - half day)
 - 2932 (Seasonal Day Camp - Registration)
 - 2933 (Seasonal Day Camp - Special Needs CC)